

CATHOLIC

Societies In Convention Have a Grati-
fying Meeting.

An Ohio Man Made President
of the Federation, Defeating Judge Thomas
W. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn. An Excel-
lent Roster of Officers Elected
for the Current Year.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—The American Federation of Catholic Societies, in convention here, adopted a constitution and elected officers. The constitution provides for a working centralized power without interfering with the autonomy of any societies that affiliate with it. The basis of representation is two delegates from each local society, and the same ratio carried on from parish to county and from county to state and from state to the national organization. In state conventions there will be one delegate for each 1,000 members and one for each fraction of 500 or more. While local federations of the larger cities retain their autonomy as well as independent societies, the new constitution provides a plan of organization under county federations directly and indirectly under state and national federations.

The objects of the new association are given in a section as follows: "The objects of the American Federation of Catholic Societies are the cementing of the bonds of fraternal union among the Catholic laity and Catholic societies of the United States; the furthering and protecting of Catholic interests and works of religion, piety, education and charity; the study of conditions in our social life and the dissemination of the truth."

Wooster University Burned.
Wooster, O., Dec. 12.—Fire of un-
known origin destroyed the main build-
ing of the University of Wooster. The
loss is estimated at \$25,000, insurance
about \$70,000. It is supposed that an
explosion of chemicals in one of the
laboratories was the cause. The main
building was six stories in height
and was built 30 years ago. The
wings were built four years ago, and
were five stories high. Owing to low
pressure, the fire department was un-
able to cope with the flames, and could
do nothing but let the fire burn. At
a mass meeting of citizens arrangements
were made to furnish sufficient
classrooms so that no interruption to
the work of the college would follow
the fire. As to the future of the ins-
titution no definite statement has yet
been made, but it will probably be re-
built immediately.

Nicaragua Canal Agreement.
Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 12.—The
protocol signed by United States Minister
Merry and Dr. Fernando Sanchez,
the Nicaraguan secretary of foreign
affairs, grants the United States three
miles on each side of the proposed
canal, the median line being the center
of the waterway. Nicaragua will have
full sovereignty over the canal route,
but the United States will have con-
trol over it, can maintain a permanent
police vigilance, and can land troops
if it is necessary. In return the United
States government guarantees the
sovereignty, integrity and independ-
ence of Nicaragua.

Taft and Funston.
Manila, Dec. 12.—General Funston
will sail for the United States on Dec.
16 on the transport Warren. The doc-
tors have ordered a change of climate
and the general is going home on sick
leave. He has improved in health
since he left the hospital. Governor
Taft will sail for home on the Grant
on Dec. 20. He says that the rumors
to the effect that he will not return
here are incorrect.

Had to Beg For Tramps.
Buffalo, Dec. 12.—Walter H. Brun-
ner, 16, son of a city fireman, was
brought home from Batavia, having
as he alleges, been abducted recently
by five tramps. The boy says his cap-
tors obliged him to beg for them. He
escaped from them and went to the
police station of Batavia for protec-
tion.

Fights Collide.
Oil City, Dec. 12.—In a collision of
freight trains on the Pennsylvania
railroad at Walnut Head about 50 cars
were thrown into the river. Head
Brakeman McCadden is missing and
is supposed to have been thrown into
the Allegheny river and drowned.

E. W. GROVE.
This name must appear on every
box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-
Quinine Tablets the celebrated Cold
and Grip Cure. 25 cents.

Thousands use Bromo-Pepsin for
headache, indigestion, nausea, and
sleeplessness who would use no other
remedy. This is because it is abso-
lutely harmless. All druggists. 10c,
25c, and 50c per bottle.

The lamp-post stands in its own
light.

Constipation

Headache, biliousness, heartburn, indi-
gestion, and all liverills are cured by

Hood's Pills

Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

HOLLAND'S FAIR QUEEN

Interesting Details of Wilhel-
mina's Court Life.

PASSIONATELY LOVES FRESH AIR.

Young Sovereign When In Health
Never Uses Closed Carriage, It Is
Said. Except at Night—How She
Reprimanded One of Her Attenda-
nts—Etiquette at Court.

Some interesting notes about Queen
Wilhelmina are given in the last num-
ber of Mr. T. P. O'Connor's Mainly
About People, which is usually reliable,
says the New York Herald. They
were written at the time of the young
sovereign's illness and before the publica-
tion of any of the sensational reports
that have been current more recently.

At that date the people of Holland

were anxiously looking forward to
their young queen's first drive. Until
she goes out, they used to say, they
will not feel sure she is better. For her
love of fresh air amounts almost to a
passion. When in health, Queen Wil-
helmina never uses, under any circum-
stances makes use of a closed carriage
except at night. No matter whether it
is cold or hot, whether it snows, rains
or storms, she invariably drives about in
an open equipage in full view of her
subjects. She is usually accompanied
by a lady in waiting as sole escort, and,
although she is a very warm-
hearted woman, yet she is mindful of
the dignity of her position.

One day while out driving she met
an officer who happened to be the
brother of her lady in waiting and re-
turned his military salute with a most
gracious smile and inclination of the
head. But, noticing that her com-
panion had waved her hand in a fa-
miliar way to her brother, she frowned
and exclaimed coldly:

"I should be much obliged to you,
my dear —, if you would avoid these
little family effusions when you have
the honor to accompany me."

True, after she reached home, the
queen endeavored by every means in
her power to make the chagrin to
which she had subjected her attendant
and, among other things, presented her
with a very handsome piece of jewel-
ry. But the lady, while restored to fa-
vor, is not likely to forget the lesson
which she then received or ever to
render herself again guilty of such a
breach of etiquette.

The queen, in addition to her private
secretary's department, has organized
a sort of private political chancellery,
which is intrusted with the duty of
making a brief explanatory report of
every document submitted to her for
signature. She absolutely declines to
sign any paper unless she has a sort
of "precis," containing the necessary
information about the matter for which
her sign manual is required. If the
report appears to her to be inadequate,
she seeks for further data, and, if nec-
essary even summons ministers or ex-
perts to her presence in order to obtain
the fullest kind of explanation.

This is a lesson which she learned
from the late Queen Victoria, who, it
will be remembered, made it a strict
rule never to sign anything without
having studied it, and no matter how
large the number of documents sub-
mitted to her—they averaged about 200
a day from one year's end to the other—
she at no time neglected to observe
this principle.

Before her marriage Queen Wil-
helmina was in the habit of invariably
taking her meals alone with her mother,
but since she became the wife of Prince Henry, writes M. A. P.'s corre-
spondent, the three ladies and the three
gentlemen in waiting invariably lunch
and dine with the royal couple at the
same table. The prince sits opposite
to the queen, just as the Emperor Na-
poleon III. and the Empress Eugenie
were wont to do, the etiquette in this
respect differing from some of the older
courts of Europe, where, in default
of foreign guests of sovereign rank,
the monarch and consort sit side by
side, while it is the principal digni-
ties of the court who sit vis-a-vis.

**The most beautiful nega-
tives can be taken of the
present snow scenes. No
amateur should miss this op-
portunity. If you haven't a
camera get one of LeRoy H.
Hume, Masonic building.**

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A Safe Cure for Headache.
Have you ever felt depressed after
taking a Headache Remedy, and do
you know that if it contained a Heart
Tonic it would cure without that de-
pression? Clinic Headache Wafers are
a Heart Tonic, never depress, never
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Easily taken. Absolutely harmless.
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If a dealer asks you to take something
said to be "just as good as
good as Rocky Mountain Tea made my
Madison Medicine Co.," ask him if he
makes more money. Ask your drug-
gist.

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A Society Whim.
The latest society fad among the
fashionable women in England is that
of being photographed as a moving pic-
ture.

Articles of Incorporation

obtained here by the Tiffin and Southern
Railroad Company, of Toledo, Ohio, to
build and operate an electric railroad
from Tiffin, Ohio, to Kenton, Ohio; also
to erect and maintain telephone
and telegraph lines and lighting and
power plants. Capital stock, \$500,000.
Incorporators: Michael Riely, of Pitts-
burgh; Allen Smalley, of Upper Sandusky,
Ohio; Daniel C. Donovan, of Toledo, Ohio;

F. Malone and Matthias A. Smalley,

of Toledo, Ohio.

Short sighted—little people.

NEW

Passenger Depot to be Built by

The C. H. & D.

If They are Given the Right of Way

Which They Desire Over the Berme Bank of the Canal.

Many Companies and Individuals are Trying to Get Possession of the Canal Property of the State.

A RARE SWEET VOICE.

President M. D. Woodford, of the
Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Road
who was seen yesterday says the En-
quirer, and asked about the applica-
tions the company have made to the
State Canal Commission for leases of
the former bank of the canal to be used
for railroad purposes, said: "We
have made applications to secure two
leases and obtain the privilege of using
the canal bank. We would like to use
it on a piece of road to connect our Delphos
Division with the Findlay, Ft. Wayne and
Western Road, which we recently acquired."

"We have also made application for
the use of the bank of the canal from
the corporation line, which is about
Winona Place, through the city."

Mr. Woodford said if the privilege
was obtained to use the canal bank
for an entrance to the city additional
terminals would be obtained for the
C. H. & D., and a new passenger sta-
tion would be built in a central location.

Asked if the privilege was obtained
if the tracks would be elevated, he
said that would be a question for fu-
ture consideration and had not as yet
been considered by the engineers.

President Woodford said that if the
state authorities had an idea of leasing
the canal banks for railroad or
traction line use that the C. H. & D.
company would like to get an entrance
to the city by that route.

While no official announcement has
been made, it is believed that if the
right to use the canal bank is secured
by the C. H. & D. Company that a
union passenger station will be built
in the neighborhood of Plum and
Canal streets.

TWO MILES

State Limit for Steam Roads on the Canal Bank.

The following dispatch from Co-
lumbus deals with the same proposi-
tion:

To-day Harry R. Probascio, attorney
for the C. H. & D., filed two applica-
tions for right to construct and op-
erate steam roads on the banks of the
canal between Delphos and Findlay, Ft. Wayne and Western Rail-
way tracks.

Members of the State Board of Pu-
blic Works and the State Canal Com-
mission say that the law, as amended
two years ago, specifically provides
that a steam road cannot use more
than two miles of the canal bank.

The Southern Traction Company
made application to use a portion of
the canal bank slope for a distance of
3,000 feet at the "narrow" between
Middletown and Franklin. The C. H.
& D. people, it is said, object to this
unless they are given a right to use
the electric railway tracks. The
Miami and Erie Transportation Com-
pany (Fordyce electric mule) scheme
were also represented by D. J. Ryan
and Mr. Fordyce. The Fordyce people
want the rights granted to the South-
ern Ohio Road made subject to the
(Fordyce) lease.

The Board of Public Works and the
Canal Commission adjourned without
coming to any decision.

Another Electric Line.

A dispatch from Charleston, W. Va.,
says:

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tained here by the Tiffin and Southern
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Will Run to the Reservoir.

Prominent capitalists from Mil-
waukee, New York, Chicago, Saginaw,
and Dayton, says a dispatch from the
latter city, were in the city today to
make arrangements for the filling of
incorporation papers with the Secre-
tary of State for a company, with a
capital of \$2,500,000, to construct one
of the longest toll roads in the Central
West, if not in the entire United
States. The road will extend from
Dayton to Kenton, and traverse a terri-
tory with a population of 5,000 per
mile. The line will touch Troy, Spring-
field, New Carlisle, De Graff, Add-
ison, St. Paris, the Lewiston reservoir
and Kenton, where it will connect with
the Everett-Moore syndicate lines
which run to Toledo. It is possible
that in this manner the Everett-Moore
syndicate may make connections for
Cincinnati over the Southern Ohio.

E. M. Hopkins, of New York, is
President of the Company; W. W.
Steele, of Milwaukee, Vice President;
H. S. Forgy, of New Carlisle, Secretary;
Charles L. Hubbard, Treasurer,
of Dayton; B. H. Rannels, of Sulphur
Grove, General Manager. Offices
have been established in Dayton.

A RARE SWEET VOICE.

Worthy Women to Help Girl De-
velop Her Exceptional Talent.

The singing of "Nearer My God, to
Thee" at a McKinley memorial service
in the Episcopal church at Inwood, on
Long Island, by a poor girl has started
her on the way for a European musical
education.

Emma Bowker is her name, and Mrs.
Russell Sage, Miss Helen Gould, Mrs.
Daniel Lord and Mrs. James R. Keene

have become her patrons. The
Bowkers live in a small frame house
in Inwood, less than a mile from Far
Rockaway. There are nine in the family.

The father is a painter, the brother
drives an ice wagon, and the mother is
a laundress, assisting in the homes of
the fashionable of the Cedarhurst col-
ony.

Miss Emma Bowker tried to obtain a
musical education in the Salvation Army,
but found that the boys drum accom-
paniment was not of much benefit
and so gave it up after wasting herself
out and returned to her home and the
little choir loft of the Inwood church.

It was while singing there that she
was heard by Dr. Edward Octavius
Flagg, a friend of Bishop Potter, who
afterward declared that she had a
heavenly voice. The smart set of Ce-
darhurst and Lawrence took the girl in
charge.

The Medicine We Take.

The so called "drugging habit" or
practice of prescribing innumerable
drugs for patients by the family doctor
has been scored by a prominent
physician.

He states that from personal observa-
tion he knows that foreigners do not
prescribe or swallow one-fourth the
amount of medicine we do, and he
blames practitioners for frequently
prescribing an unnecessary quantity of
drugs.

He advises the physician to condense
his pharmacopoeia and materia medica
to a vest pocket edition and then pre-
scribe accordingly. He adds:

There are three doctors in whose
medicines I have ever had implicit
faith—Dr. Have-to, Dr. Diet and Dr.
Quiet.

Dr. Have-to gives a person no time
for imaginary ills nor for the coddling
of real ones.

Dr. Diet takes care of the digestive
organs and sees that they are not
abused, while Dr. Quiet has cured
hundreds of headaches and warded off
many an attack of nervous prostration.

Of course, while they are all spe-
cialists, not one of these physicians
could set a broken bone or cure a case
of typhoid fever, nor would they claim
like Christian Scientists, to be able to
do so, but their prescriptions, if closely
followed, can save much worry and
many a doctor's bill.

Holly beans, if eaten, produce pain,
nausea and a drowsiness not easily
broken.

Mr. C. R. Seeds, of 725 east Elm St.,
Lima, Ohio, says:

OVEL

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at Walter Hess'
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Dedication of St.
Johns Church

eremony Will Occur Next
y. The Services Will be
ducted by Rt. Rev.
Bishop Hortsman.

a-American social at Walter south Elizabeth street last the benefit of the south church was a novelty as well as a financial affair. Many original modes were adopted delightful entertainment. The Idlewild club attire a body. They all wore woking costumes, their gaudy, gaudy creating much variety. A silver offering will be employed for the benefit church. During the holidays W. H. Willett, of the Chicago y, will lecture upon biblical at the Christian church. It is quite probable he may speak at the south Lima church at the conclusion of the Kenton. There here who have long desired him. While he is in this town may be prevailed upon to lime for one night at least, of the most renowned of his denomination, having extensively in this country.

In Stone on east Vine street entertained a number of visitors at her home last night. Wise from Alger, while in yesterday evening gave an to the search instituted there Williams wanted at Siding James Anderson. It was in hiding at the home other residing near Alger, locate him. A general reveals he may be in that owing to having relatives

John's Dedication.
other Rupert, of St. Johns the church on south Main follows the following pro- the dedication of the church

, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hortsman, will arrive in the escort to Father Ru- dence on south Main street, will remain the reverend's Monday. Sunday morning, Father Rupert will read

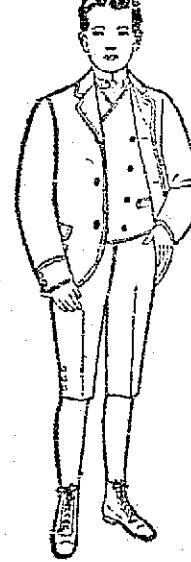
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This Makes a Very Suitable Xmas Present for a Little Boy.

ployed in pressing the portions of the case involving an infraction of the wire loop in the cup against the ends postal laws by a young man residing of the same to a diamond shape. In the vacant space will be stamped the name of the station where the car is sealed. There is no possible means of opening the seal without breaking it, which if done would be immediately known at what station, thus giving a clue. Odell's seal is absolute proof against the car being entered, without sufficient force to destroy the seal entirely. The entire seal is always in full view of the inspector there being no possible way to conceal an attempt to open it. It is pronounced to be as perfect as such an article can be made and far superior to any now in use. Mr. Odell speaks modestly of his years of study and labor in creating and perfecting the invention. That it will be adopted by the road requesting its invention as well as others is beyond cavil. The Inventor has a number of other ideas which are assuming substantial form. The new seal will be manufactured at Mr. Odell's factory on south Main street. He is now manufacturing the automatic machinery requisite.

And Still Another.
Another local inventor is John Dolph, who several days since patented a burr lock adjustable to any bolt. While there are several lock burrs upon the market, it is claimed by Mr. Dolph, his is more superior and perfect. The burr is composed of two parts which, when properly adjusted upon a standard thread, can be so securely locked by turning the upper portion of the burr that it is permanently affixed, there being no possible way of removing it without breaking it. It is thought by the Inventor that the virtues of his patent will be generally recognized. He will endeavor to organize a company to manufacture and place the invention upon the market.

Mrs. Clement Eyster, is quite ill at her home on south Central avenue. J. B. Lomison, of south Main street, who has been critically ill, was able to sit up awhile today. Mrs. William Cutlets has for her guest, Mrs. Wayslaff, of Upper Sandusky.

Valuable Invention.
F. P. Odell, the south Main street inventor and manufacturer has just completed a patent railway car seal that is undoubtedly destined to create for the unpretentious inventor a national reputation, besides being very remunerative. Five years ago he was requested by one of the railroad companies operating in Lima, to create for them a car seal that would readily evidence any tampering with. All these years Mr. Odell has been patiently studying the intricate problem.

The other day he sent to the company a seal which will not only manifest the slightest effort of anyone essaying to remove or break it, but has placed a cash guarantee that it cannot be opened without by main force entirely destroying the mechanism, which of course, is too improbable to be considered, as persons breaking into cars always do it in such a manner as to avoid detection, generally breaking the seal in such a manner as to replace it so deftly as to pass inspection, so that it cannot be ascertained at what point along the road the car was entered.

Mr. Odell's seal is composed of a strong steel wire loop the ends of which pass through and extend beyond a brittle steel cup. Once inserted a small convenient pocket pincers made especially for the purpose is em-

ployed in pressing the portions of the case involving an infraction of the

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Charles DeVoe, with George Raines, are here from Toledo, combining business with pleasure for a few days. Mrs. W. H. Willard, of Ada, was engaged in a shopping expedition in this city yesterday evening.

Mrs. Henry Stanyer returned last night from Muncie, Ind., where she visited her son the past week.

A FEW REASONS

Which are Rapidly Making a New Catch Cure Famous.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, the new Catarrh cure has the following advantages over other catarrh remedies.

First: These tablets contain no cocaine, morphine or any other injurious drug and are as safe and beneficial for children as for adults: this is an important point when it is recalled that many catarrh remedies do contain these very objectionable ingredients.

Next: Being in tablet form this remedy does not deteriorate with age, or an exposure to the air as liquid preparations invariably do.

Next: The tablet form not only preserves the medicinal properties but it is so far more convenient to carry and to use at any time that it is only a question of time when the tablet will entirely supersede liquid medicines as it has already done in the medical department of the United States army.

Next: No secret is made of the composition of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, they contain the active principles of Eucalyptus bark, red gum, blood root and Hydrastin, all harmless antiseptics which, however, are death to catarrhal germs wherever found, because they eliminate them from the blood.

Next: You can not cure catarrh by local applications to the nose and throat, because these are simply local symptoms and such treatment cannot possibly reach the real seat of catarrhal disease which is in the blood; for this reason, inhalers, douches, sprays and powders never really cure catarrh but simply give temporary relief which a dose of plain salt and water will do just as well.

Catarrh must be driven out of the system, out of the blood, by an internal remedy because an internal remedy is the only kind which can be assimilated into the blood.

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets do this better than the old form of treatment because they contain every safe specific known to modern science in the antiseptic form of the disease.

Next: The use of inhalers, and spraying apparatus, besides being ineffective and disappointing, is expensive, while a complete treatment of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets can be had at any drug store in the United States.

E. W. GROVE.

This name must appear on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the celebrated Cold and Grip Cure 25 cents.

All druggists guarantees every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for a gripe, coughs, colds, cramp and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take, it prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

THE THEATRE.

In their presentation of "North Carolina" last night Bryan's Comedians aided not a little to their popularity by their fine performance. The parts were well taken and excellently rendered and the production was handsomely staged. Mr. Bruce and Mr. Godley are worthy of mention for their excellent work and Miss Goodwin and Miss Godley were exceedingly good. The vaudeville features took well. Baby Pati's singing being delightful.

Tonight "Camille" a play whose production has been much looked forward to, will be the bill, and an excellent performance will be given.

If day could be night and night could be day, if smiles could be tears and tears could be smiles, something might do you as much good as Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

Miss Good, teacher of Prof. Flynn's physical culture and vital course, can be found at 223 north Pierce street.

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Christmas Business

is not the property of any one store; but

the largest part of it goes to the store that studies it most and gives its customers the benefit of every seasons business as well as

at Christmas time. What we do well in the spring season is done equally as well in the fall months and just now is no exception. If you miss looking into a single department of this store these days, you miss a suggestion that might make your holiday shopping easier. Any one can fill a store full of goods, but it takes the right kind of goods to fill a store full of customers, and the



"Bluem Standard"

Of excellence, novelty, style and moderate price is filling our store full of business.

Dress Goods.

How can you please any one better than by a gift of goods for a suit, or even a skirt or waist? Let it be a child or woman. Our stock never had a better assortment.

MELROSE, one of this season's strongest favorites in colors and black, 48c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$2.00 a yard.

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CHEVIOTS, an old tried staple, but in many new weaves, colored and black, 75c and \$1.00 yard.

LANSDOWN. Of all the stylish stuffs in silk and wool weaving, nothing will compare to this for its richness and a Yankee the inventor. Colored and black \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.

HOMESPUN. These can be used to excellent advantage for a business as well as a stylish suit and in a wide range of colorings, 75c and \$1.00 yard.

BROADCLOTH. This is the stuff that gives the proper draping effect and style as well as wear to any one fortunate enough to own one, colored and black \$1, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00 and up to \$3.50 yard.

PEBBLE CHEVIOT. A popular fabric for this fall's wear in colored and black, \$1.00 and \$1.50 yard.

COVERT CLOTH, another favorite \$1.00 and \$1.25 yard.

MELTONS. The longest service of any can be had from those goods and make beautiful walking skirts, \$1.50 yard.

Waist Goods.

A stupendous assortment of all grades, styles, novelties and patterns. Never was there a collection of such a variety ever shown in this city.

PIQUE'S. A new and beautiful assortment of some novelties in exclusive patterns, 20c, 25c and 40c yard.

FRENCH FLANNEL. A most sensible winter waist material, all colors in plain, 35c, 50c and 68c a yard.

The new green shades have been selling fast.

Persian figures and stripes, fancy stripes and novelties, some with the all-over cord or tucked effects, others with

neat silk stitchings, 75c and \$1.00 a yard.

Eiderdown.

All colors for bath robes, house jackets, wrappers, and infants' wear.

Plain 28c, 40c, 50c, 75c yard.

Ripple, 40c yard.

Bed Coverings.

White quilts in endless variety and in such qualities that has made this department famous in our city. We carry dependable goods in this line, and at all prices to the best "Marseilles" in either plain or fringed.

Hemstitched pillow cases and sheets put up in handy boxes, two pillow cases and one sheet, a practical Christmas gift.

Cotton Comforts.

Properly filled with clean, white, fluffy cotton, covered with beautiful quality and patterns of silkolice and sateen, and in new designs and sewed properly, \$1.25 and by easy price marking to \$2.50 each.

Wool filled \$3.00 and \$4.00 each.

Down Quilts.

Never was there such real bed comfort used and the comfort is in the warmth and the light weight of the cover. The sateen is hard to tell from silk and the combinations make them a real bedroom ornament—\$4.25, \$5 and \$7.50 each. Ask to see them.

Gloves.

The snow flurries have started a run on gloves and by forethought we were prepared with the proper styles, prices and assortment of sizes.

Children's Scotch effects, 25c pair.

Ladies' solid colors and Scotch effects, 25c, 35c and 50c pair.

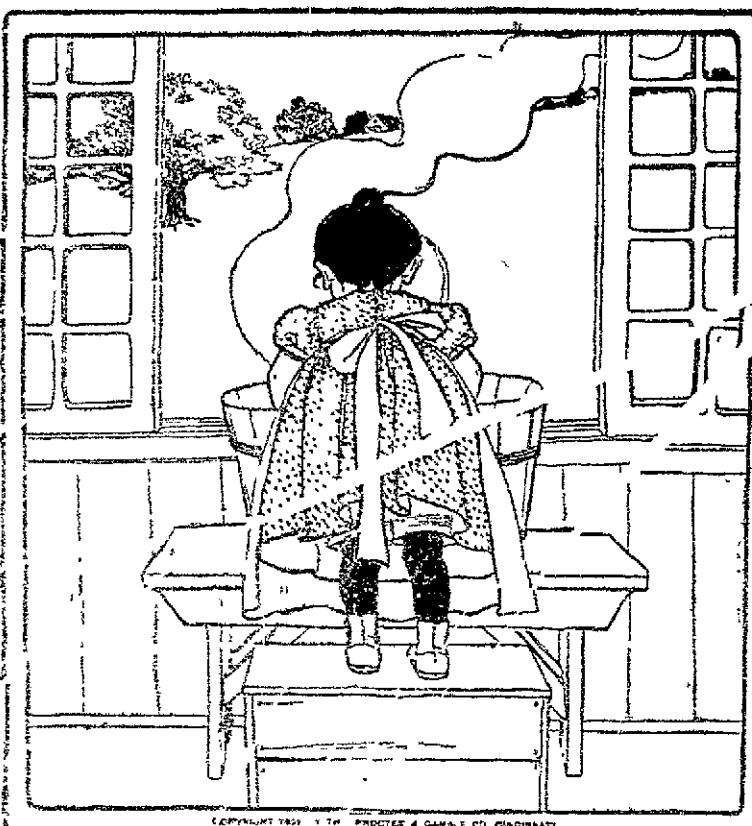
Cashmere 4-buttons, 50c.

Kid Gloves.

Always an acceptable gift at any season. We have a full line of the Foster Improved Flat Hook and the Maggioni (formerly the "Centenario") clasp glove. All shades and sizes.

DRESS GOODS

G. E. BLUEM.



The blackness of Monday is forgotten when the housekeeper views on Tuesday the snow-drift of linen that has been washed white with Ivory Snap. It floats.

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

Opinions that are not paid for at so much per line. But there is this drawback, which will be used by unscrupulous editors and publishers to defeat the purpose of the decision and to leave matters much where they were before, and that is, they will demand pay in advance. There never was a law, you know, that couldn't be circumvented.—Commercial Bulletin

C. E. Schmidge, Manager.

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THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT RECEIVES BY WIRE THE TELEGRAPHIC AND CABLE SERVICE OF THE SCRIPPS-MCRAE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A successful St. Louis merchant says that any man who can afford to open a business can afford to advertise. "Advertise," is his advice, "even if you can take but two inches of space in a newspaper. Fill your two inches in a way to make them a feature of the paper. Make your ad a daily bulletin of your own business—a news item from your store, office or counting room."

Presidential booms are beginning to sprout rapidly. Senator Bailey, of Texas, has started one for Arthur P. Gorman; and a boom for Olney and another for Admiral Schley are now in motion out in Nebraska. The first boom of them all, however, was that of David B. Hill, which made its appearance early last summer, but as nothing has been heard of it lately the chances are it got nipped by the frost. This has been the fate of many boomlets that blossomed too soon.

The estimates for the navy for the next fiscal year are about \$100,000,000, for the army \$161,000,000, and for pensions about \$150,000,000. There is no prospect for a return to the economical administrations of other times. We have become a world power, and one of the penalties to maintain our dignity is a great outlay of the people's money, collected by taxation, as that is the only way a penny can reach the national treasury. We may call it tariff or internal revenue, but it all means taxation.

In the case of a Vermont editor against a politician for money said to be due by reason of editorial published in the politician's favor, a Vermont court has declared the contract void on the ground of public policy, and has not stated the plaintiff. The case will be carried higher. The decision is unique and interesting. That editorial opinions may not be sold in one of the most encouraging signs of the times, and it gives the readers the right to believe that henceforth they may expect to read on editorial pages

LINGERING

Illness of H. D. Davis Ends in Death.

HENRY D. DAVIS, a well known and highly respected young man passed away at his home in Elida at 2 o'clock this morning. A complication of pneumonia and influenza caused the demise. Henry Davis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis. He was born in Elida December 19, 1872 and in that vicinity he spent a greater portion of his life. He was never very strong, in fact as an invalid for many years but however cheerful countenance and brave endeavor to conceal his sufferings from his family and friends caused his death to seem all the more sudden. About three days ago he became noticeably weaker and the best of medical aid was summoned but the disease had overcome the body and the spirit departed into the great beyond.

The deceased had two brothers in Lima, O. E. Davis, of the Bennett undertaking establishment and Otto Davis, a moulder at the steel works. Another brother resides in Elida.

At 10 o'clock Sunday morning the funeral services will be held from the Elida United Brethren church. The Revs. Holmes and Gamble will officiate and interment will take place in Greenway cemetery.

INSIGNIA

Of Membership Received by a Class of Ten.

A very pretty event took place Sunday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Sodality chapel, that of investing the insignia of the society on ten new members by their spiritual director, Rev. Father Manning, it being their feast day proper, the feast of Immaculate Conception. This society has grown wonderfully the past two years under the supervision of its director, Sister Irena, its membership numbering almost two hundred. It has an elegant library of over 500 volumes. The officers of the Sodality are: President, Mary Dimond; vice-president, Mame O'Brien; financial secretary, Grace Cafery; recording secretary, Norah O'Neill; librarian, Amy O'Connor.

DELEGATES

Who Attended the Cincinnati Meeting Returned.

E. J. Yeasey and Jno. O'Neill have returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, where they were delegates from the local branches of the C. K. of G. and C. K. of A. since Monday last, attending the convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies of the United States and report if the largest gathering of delegates, representatives and visitors ever held in the state of Ohio, there being over 500 delegates and as many more visitors from Maine to California present. Proceedings will be hereafter published.

SOON! SOON!

First annual ball to be given by Electrical Workers, of Lima, O.

HAWKES CUT GLASS
At Basinger & Cameron's. 0.2t

WATCHES.
A large assortment of fine Watches is one of our strong lines. Basinger & Cameron. 0.2t

A camera for Xmas would be not only a fund of amusement but a source of instruction for young people. LeRoy H. Hume, Masonic building. 9-tf

The Electrical Workers of local No. 32, I. B. E. W. will give their first annual ball at Wheeler hall, December 18th. 0.2t

E. W. GROVE.
This name must appear on every box of the genuine Laetitia Bromo Quinine Tablets the celebrated Cold and Grip Cure. 25 cents

CHICKEN DINNER AND BAZAAR.

The ladies of the Wayne street Christian church will serve a chicken dinner and supper in the assembly room of the court house, Saturday, Dec. 14. Dinner 11 to 1.20 cents. Supper, 4.50 to 6.30, 15 cents. Excellent needle-work for sale. Exchange counter; also souvenirs given away. Good music. Come. 1-2t

MISSIONARY MEETING.

At the home of Pastor and Mrs. J. H. Deere, 415 north McDonald street, the Ladies' Missionary society of the First Baptist church, will hold its missionary meeting, Friday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Good music. Reading by Mrs. McWork. Light refreshments.

THE IDLER.

Harry Isn't Known Here.
Harry Snurr was arrested Saturday evening for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He pleaded guilty before the Mayor this morning and was fined \$5 and costs. Snurr came here from Lima about two weeks ago, and has been working on the sower.—Sideny News.

DECLINES

To Accept Terms of First Settlement

And Sues the Company for Damages.

Lake Erie & Western and D. & L. N. Railroads Made Defendants in an Action to Recover \$20,000.

The Lake Erie and Western and Detroit Southern roads are made defendants in a \$20,000 damage suit filed yesterday, afternoon by attorney H. O. Bentz, who represents Calvins Murray, the plaintiff.

The latter was injured in a wreck occasioned by trains on the two roads coming together at the junction two miles northeast of Lima, August 20, 1897.

Sometime later she was visited by representatives to sign a settlement for such injuries as she had suffered, receiving the sum of \$200. She makes the claim that her signature was secured at a time when she was in a weakened condition and that all of the money has been spent for medical treatment.

The accident, says the petition, was due to carelessness in not having a warden at the crossing, and a demand is made for \$20,000, less the amount already received.

Real Estate Transfers.

M. Urthida Moore to Clara J. Brotherton, undivided one-half of lot 50 in the original plat, \$1.

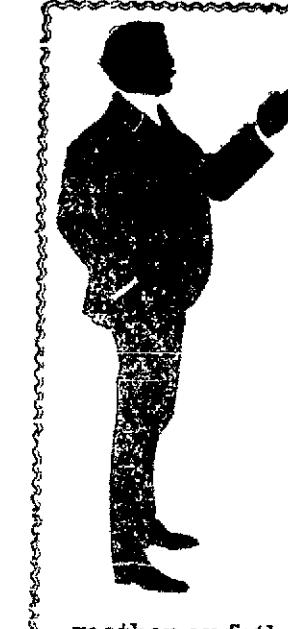
M. J. Sanford and wife to August C. Kettler, lot 66 in Steinheimer's addition to Clifton \$500.

William F. Dobbins and Estella Dobbins to Thomas W. Dobbins, part of lot 105 in the original plat, \$700.

August C. Kettler and wife to John Hawisher, lot 66 in Clifton addition, \$525.

Charles B. Dolce to John Ferrier, lots 23 and 28 in Highland park addition, \$75.

Lillian M. Baker to Thomas J. Baker, lot in Delphos \$1,000.



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You'll see something well worth looking at, profitably worth buying.

You'll survey the nattiest line of Xmas Footwear obtainable.

Slippers in all shapes and kinds. Slippers for the whole family, from baby to grand-mother or father, all at our reasonable standard of prices.

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Banister Shoes for men \$5 and \$6. Rubbers of all kinds, very best qualities, lowest prices.

It Pays to Trade With Rowlands.

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We are able to settle the perplexing question:

What Shall I Buy for Christmas???

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THE MAKER OF HAPPY HOMES.

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GOOD AS
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Has an endless variety of Xmas novelties, besides an immense stock of Furniture containing some rare bargains in

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THE RELIABLE HOUSEFURNISHER.

204 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio.

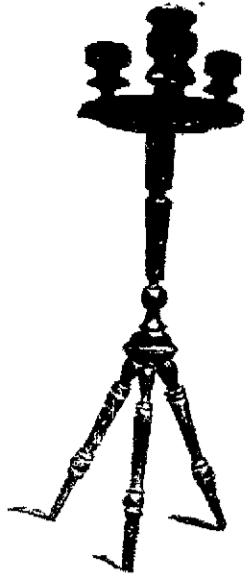
Shoe and Rubber Bargains.

Today and Tomorrow we shall sell certain lines of SHOES and RUBBERS at 25 per cent Discount regardless of cost or value.

A FEW OF THEM ARE—

One lot of Men's Box Calf Shoes, worth \$3.00, at.....	\$2.25
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One lot of Men's Satin Calf Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	1.13
One lot of Men's Oil Grain Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	1.13
One lot of Boys' Satin Calf Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	1.13
One lot of Boys' Satin Calf Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	95c
One lot of Men's Satin Calf Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	95c
One lot of Women's 40c Rubbers at.....	50c
One lot of Misses' 35c Rubbers at.....	25c
One lot of Misses' Household Slippers, worth \$1.00, at.....	75c
A large assortment of Ladies' Fall Fur Trimmed Slippers at very low prices.	

THE UNION
Clothing and Shoe Co.



What will please your husband or friend more than one of these
Handsome Smokers.
Ebony or Mahogany.
Only \$1.25.

The Newson-Bond Co.

DOWN SIX CENTS

Goes Lima Oil While the Eastern Product Slumps Ten Cents.

Christmas Present Handed Out to the Producers Which They Will Neither Enjoy Nor Return Thanks for.

The first time since the 28th day of September there was a change in oil market quotations today and it exchange it was. It was a double deal and it was a slump that and in the camp of the producers, not like a live shell in a Western convention. A single slump of one or two might have been in the hour at the Buckeye Building, but day except Sunday or a holiday, the quotations in the air and down the figures, it was something the frantic buyers awake nights waiting for first slump came at the hour for us or the market this morning.

C. D. CRITES

Receiver to Take Charge of Bonds

Controversy Between Haskell and Strang.

Outcome of the Sale of the N. Railroad to the Toledo and Ohio Central People.

A telegram from Wapakoneta says suit has been filed in the common pleas court in that city by John T. Haskell, trustee for C. N. Haskell, the Toledo & Ohio Central Company, to enjoin it from paying certain bonds, amounting to \$100,000, to Wm. R. Strang, Jr. and Strang in September purchased the C & N railroad, sold it to the T & O C for its first mortgage bond and second mortgage bonds exact to pay a certain amount of debts, and Strang to receive \$90,000 of the first and it is at \$265,000 has already been paid to him. Plaintiff was to receive \$155,000 and \$200,000 of second, and he did not pay his claim within time the plaintiff could same and receive the total of bonds undelivered. Plaintiff on the 9th day of December, offered the defendant \$5,000 to pay claims and debts amounts of bonds, \$590, the defendant refused to accept. Plaintiff fearing that might be delivered to bring this action to enjoin the suit from paying over to Strang, a receiver appointed to take bonds until determination made to receive an order of injunction has been granted C. D. Crites, of Lima, appointed

The indictment is the outgrowth of the case in which A. P. Conn in order to shield himself from forged had his mother's property transferred to Kohl, and when Mrs. Conn afterwards commenced suit to recover it, Kohl produced one of the forged notes and Conn as stated yesterday was sent to the penitentiary for two years.

The indictment returned yesterday charges that Kohl unlawfully and unjustly conspired to prevent the due course of the law and to procure the escape of A. P. Conn from answering to the court for the forging of the name of John J. Hollantgen to a promissory note. Kohl appeared before Judge Armstrong, yesterday and pleaded not guilty. He is held in answer in the sum of \$200, but it is not yet known whether the case will be tried during the present term of court.

Bulk Olives at Dimond Bros. 1-2t

OFFICERS ELECTED

By Ottawa Council to Serve for ensuing Year.

Ottawa Council last night elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year:

President, J. I. Newell; Vice President, E. D. Sechrist; Speaker, Jos. Woerner; Secy., Torrey Kirk, Fin. Sec., Wm. Kieffer; Treas., A. A. Sherman; Usher, W. G. Boeseler; Chaplain, J. T. Sonder; Sergeant, J. R. Nicholas; Door Keeper, Lepley; Trustees, Jos. Woerner, J. T. Sonder, A. A. Sherman; Delegate to assembly, A. A. Sherman; Alternate, J. T. Sonder.

Tonight—Bryan's Comedians in "Camille" Special production, magnificent scenery and costumes, 25c and 50c.

Tickets will allow passengers in Cincinnati to and December 20th, 1901.

RICH

Hues of Fragrant Flowers

Were Mingled

With Beautiful Green Southern Smilax

In the Decorations at Mrs. J. C. Ridener's Charming Reception Yesterday.

Reception Given by Mrs. Wm. Melville to Lotus Club and Other Guests—General Society Notes.

The beautiful snow out of doors made everything in strong contrast for the guests attending Mrs. J. C. Ridener's reception yesterday afternoon for the artistic home was in gala attire with quantities of southern smilax making the reception hall a bower of Christmas green, the stair case being almost concealed by long branches woven in and out with here and there a pink or white carnation. This same similar was used to festoon the windows and doorways of each room and in the parlor delicate pink roses were massed on mouth organ and piano and numerous pink candles shed a soft light here in the library in the glorious American Beauty held sway the room hues harmonizing with the room.

In the parlor the hostess received in a striking costume of black jetted net over yellow satin and presented her guests to her friend Mrs. E. D. Guenel, of Washington D. C., who wore a gown of pink crepe trimmed with white mouse velvet and cream lace. The hours from four to six there was a constant stream of callers, who were met at the door by Miss Winona Ridener, who wore white organdie over a mink frock. She and her orchestra were concealed from view by a bank of palms separating them all from the reception hall and here they entered popular music all around in the duties of greeting the callers and in various ways the hostess was assisted by Mrs. James Halfhill, Mrs. E. J. Herd, W. L. MacKenzie, Mrs. Lucy Butte, Mrs. T. M. Johnson, Mrs. Alice Gourdon, Mrs. T. D. Robb, Mrs. Mary McJunkin. The dining room was done in pink and white the round table having a low round centerpiece of choice rocks mingled with asparagus fern and the chandeliers were arranged with good effect with the same flowers. Excellent refreshments were here served by waiters and their guests wended their way up stairs to the frame bowl its sparkling contents being dispensed by Miss Nellie Wooley and Miss Teresa Callahan.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Wm. Melville of south West street, entertained the members of the Lotus club and the following guests: Mrs. George Southard, Mrs. C. F. Lufkin, Mrs. Wm. M. Irish, and Mrs. J. W. VanDyke serving a perfectly appointed dinner in four courses.

Yesterdays afternoon was a busy one for many Lima ladies who were hurried to crowd in the numerous social functions one especially enjoyable was the card party given by Mrs. Wm. McCormick, of north Elizabeth street. The rooms were tastefully decorated with red white and pink chrysanthemums and carnations, and tern and the lovers of cards filled fourteen tables and soon were deep in an interesting game which gave trophies to Mrs. W. H. Woolsey and Mrs. Charles Collins, each of whom received a lovely spoon. After the game a substantial lunch was served by Miss Marshall, Miss Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Fangle and Miss Annie Taylor.

The Woman's Auxiliary at the Y. M. C. A. met on Tuesday afternoon and made plans for their New Year reception at the Y. M. C. A. from 3 to 8 o'clock, Jan. 1, 1902 and also decided to early in January give "A trip around the world."

Tuesday evening Mrs. George Taylor, and Misses Annie and Lillian Taylor entertained the following ladies in an unique way: Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mrs. J. B. Vail, Mrs. Geo. Vicary, Mrs. Frank Fry, Mrs. Thomas Morrison, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mrs. Lula Butler, Mrs. R. J. Thomson, Mrs. W. Seaberry, Mrs. Turner West, Mrs. G. M. McCullough, Mrs. T. A. McLaughlin, Mrs. E. M. Gooding, Mrs. Frederick Cowen, Miss Minnie Herald and Miss Mary Kelley. Palmistry and phrenological discoveries kept all entertained

until ten o'clock when a dainty two course lunch was enjoyed.

The Misses Maire, of west Market street, will entertain a few friends informally this evening.

The Culture club was very pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon, by Mrs. John Ray, of west North street. After a much interesting program, the hostess served a dainty lunch.

The Oriental Club was entertained by Miss Olive Clarkson, of north Jackson street, Tuesday evening. The early evening was spent in a social manner during which time Miss Margaret Harbold and Miss Grace Abell rendered a few selected recitations which were enjoyed by all. Lunch soon followed and the young folks then adjourned to meet the coming week with Miss Mary Lundie. Those present were the Misses Emma Boop, Mary Lundie, Grace Abel, Leila Little, Margaret Harbold, Grace Cotter, Bertha Metzger. The invited guest was Miss Clara Boop.

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LIMA MEN

Arrested at Toledo Last Night by Detectives,

Give Their Names as Frank Gordon and Edward Barry—Neither of Them Known Here.

Last night in Toledo detectives post office inspector and United States marshals arrested eight different men on suspicion of being implicated in some of the numerous post office robberies that have been committed in north western Ohio. In southern Michigan recently a hold up robbery which occurred at Munising Mich. and two of the prisoners give Lima as their home address. They give their names as Frank Gordon and Edward Barry, but neither one is known in this city by the name given.

BANQUET

Of the Onion Club Will be an Enjoyable Affair.

The Onion Club composed of about thirty members will celebrate their annual banquet this evening, and a royal good time is anticipated. The serving of the repast is in the hands of Louie J. Kepler whose reputation is established and the menu offers among its tempting viands venison Turkey duck, quail, pheasant and oysters with the usual side dishes and unlimited variety of refreshments with the various courses. The banqueting hall adjoining the new opera house has been tastefully decorated and festooned for the occasion and the title of the club has suggested some clever ideas that have been carried out with artistic effect.

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FRANCHISE

Granted Lima-Ft. Wayne Co., at Van Wert.

A franchise for the operation of a street railway was sold and an ordinance passed by the city council says the card party given by Mrs. Wm. McCormick, of north Elizabeth street. The rooms were tastefully decorated with red white and pink chrysanthemums and carnations, and tern and the lovers of cards filled fourteen tables and soon were deep in an interesting game which gave trophies to Mrs. W. H. Woolsey and Mrs. Charles Collins, each of whom received a lovely spoon. After the game a substantial lunch was served by Miss Marshall, Miss Lillian Taylor, Mrs. Fangle and Miss Annie Taylor.

Books for children from 10c up Come in and see our line.

CITY BOOK STORE

Naples English Walnut the best at Dimond Bros. 1-2t

SPECIAL NOTICE.

For the accommodation of the public, the Home Restaurant, 134 west High street, opposite postoffice, will, beginning today, serve meals continuously from 11 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. For our patrons not desiring a full meal, we are prepared to serve a lunch, such as milk stew 20 cents, plain stew 15 cents. We also serve sandwiches and coffee, bread and butter, pie, etc.

d&w Dimond Bros. 1-2t

WHEN BUYING A CHRISTMAS GIFT

You like to feel that it is thoroughly reliable, for there is nothing so distasteful in receiving or giving a present as shoddy merchandise. You'll not run any risk here. In selecting our stocks we're just as particular as you are. Every department of this store is teeming with useful Christmas Gifts. The practical gift-giver can best serve his purpose here. The giver of toys will find that here is the place to look for substantial toys.



Eminently fitting for holiday remembrances are these beautiful coats and the low prices are a continual surprise.

LADIES' LONG COATS

\$8.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$17.50 and \$25.

LADIES' PLUSH CAPES

at \$4.50 and \$7.50.

LADIES' CLOTH CAPES

at \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50 and \$22.

CHILDREN'S COATS

at \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.75, \$5, \$5.50 and \$6.

REMEMBER

clothes stock is not hampered by antiquated styles

—everything is absolutely new.

DRESS GOODS.

You'll have no trouble finding a suitable Christmas gift if you visit this dress goods section. All the popular weaves in both black and colors are to be found here at our usual low prices. Quality is always reliable.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Always appropriate, always acceptable. We

are this year showing the best values in ladies' handkerchiefs we have ever shown. Our offering at 10c, 12.5c, 15c, 18c, 25c and 50c are extraordinary.

UMBRELLAS.

What makes a better gift than a good Umbrella? If you are puzzled, look over our new stock of umbrellas. Special values at 95c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 up to \$5.

TOYS, BOOKS, DOLLS, GAMES, ETC.

You can make your selections here with greater ease and enjoy better bargain privileges than anywhere else in Lima. We made early preparations on an extensive scale, and the saving realized by taking advantage of favorable opportunities is shared with you.

Easel black boards at 10c, 25c, up to 31 each.

Doll carriages at 25c, 45c, 69c up to \$3.25

Doll go-carts from 25c up to \$1.25.

Dolls at 10c, 25c, 45c, up to \$4.50.

Wheel barrows at 10c, 25c and 50c each.

BOOKS.

In our book department you will see the choicest selection of popular books for the young and old we have ever shown. The low prices will surprise you.

FELTZ BROS. & CO.

New Phone 887. First Door South of Court House.

NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Thoughts have now turned to that great gift-giving day—Christmas—which is only two weeks away. We've been preparing for the Holiday trade for weeks and weeks—brought the best here for you to select from—USEFUL ARTICLES AT PRICES THAT WILL TEMPT YOU. Never have selections been more beautiful. We urge early buying—the stocks are at their best now, and many of the finest fancies cannot be duplicated. For a Man's or a Boy's Christmas buy what he's going to buy for himself, if you don't, and buy it at a man's store. Here are a few of the things that gentlemen like:

PAJAMAS.

Neckwear, Collars, Cuffs, Gloves, Fancy Suspenders, Shirts, Night Robes, Bath Robes, Mufflers, Hosiery, Underwear and Umbrellas. We have just received a large line of the newest HATS. If you want the very latest in a hat come here for it.

SMOKING JACKETS.

The smartest coats to be had. Plain and fancy, some are double faced and fancy lined. Scotch plaids, cord edge and silk bound. Oh, well, we might as well stop for we can't begin to describe them. Come and see them, that's the best way. All deliciously easy and handsome enough for a millionaire. \$4 to \$10. and lots of prices between. The kind of gifts men want and appreciate.

MORRIS BROS.

217 N. Main St., Meily Block, Lima, O.

OIL MEN HIT GAS.

Danville, Ky., Dec. 12.—The Mt. Pisgah Oil Company organized with Danville capital, struck a flow of 10,000 cubic feet of illuminating gas in its first test well in Wayne County.

The gas is practically valueless under the present circumstances, and the company will probably case it off and resume drilling operations.

CHINA SALE.

Miss Badeau will hold her annual sale of decorated china and water colors, at her studio 139 south West street on Friday and Saturday of this week, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nothing sold before 9 a.m. Friday.

Mrs. Harry Harper, of Ottawa, was the guest of Lima friends yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramseyer are entertain-

ing Mr. and Mrs. Murbouch. Mrs.

Murbouch was formerly Miss Mayme

Nicholas.

Miss Nora G. Sullivan, of north

PERSONAL.

Elizabeth street left today for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. D. C. Brodrick, at Kalispell, Montana. She was accompanied as far as Chicago, by her brother, county clerk, M. J. Sullivan.

Mrs. M. J. Sullivan will return home this evening from Mt. Clemens.

LIMA LODGE 205, F. & A. M.

ALLEN COUNTY GIRL

Dies from a Criminal Operation in a Shady Resort at Antwerp.

Mrs. Sallie Watkins Arrested

And Charged With Being an Accessory to the Crime. A Wapakoneta Woman Dying in the Same Resort. Keepers of the Place Arrested.

Ex-sheriff H. B. Wilson and marshal Betz, of Paulding, spent last night and today in this city and, in company with members of the local police department, have been working hard to unearth some clues that they hope to find to lead to the clearing up of a sensational mystery that developed night before last in the quiet little town of Antwerp, Paulding county, and in which a young woman from this city lost her life as the direct result of a criminal operation.

Early last evening chief of police Mills and the ex-sheriff from Paulding arrested Mrs. Sallie Watkins, a well known fortune teller who lives on west Kirby street, the warrant for the arrest being furnished by the Paulding county man and charging her with being an accessory to the crime that terminated the young woman's life at Antwerp.

Today, since having a legal advisor, Mrs. Watkins would talk very little but when first arrested by chief Mills she told enough to convince the officer that she knew considerable about the case and was instrumental in some degree at least in having placed the unfortunate girl in the house at Antwerp where she met her death. She declares however, that she does not know the name of the dead girl and claims that it was not her understanding that the girl went to Antwerp to undergo a criminal operation.

When shown a photograph of the dead girl she refused to identify it as one of two girls whom she turned over to the proprietress of the Antwerp house at Ft. Wayne several days ago.

Mrs. Watkins says that two young women came to her house in search of information concerning a resort to which they might gain admission and that she directed them to a place on Cass street in Fort Wayne. She went to Ft. Wayne but instead of the girls entering the Cass street place she met a Mrs. Shaffer from Antwerp, proprietress of the place where the one victim died, and the two girls accompanied her home while she (Mrs. Watkins) returned to this city.

MADE

A Bold Leap for His Life

From the Cab

Of the Engine He was Firing.

Proved to be a Mistake and Fireman O'Connors is Seriously Injured.

Is Now in the Hamilton Hospital and His Relatives Have Been Summoned to His Bed-side.

Traffic was slightly delayed today on account of the breakdown of the engine which draws the paper train, and the result was the late arrival of the Cincinnati papers. Further than that there was but little local inconvenience, although reports of a bad wreck on the road sent rumors flying.

Added to the late arrival of the trains came the word that Fireman James O'Connor was seriously hurt, but when two and two were put together, the Times reporter learned that there was no connection between the two incidents. O'Connor's injury had nothing to do with the accident to the paper train, but were due to a sudden alarm on the fireman's part, who thought that passenger

train No. 2 was about to collide with freight train No. 54. O'Connor saw the oncoming freight from the window of the cab and without hesitation leaped to a point of safety. He is now in the hospital at Hamilton and is so seriously hurt that a telegram summoned relatives to his bedside this morning.

M. O'Connor's mother and sister left for Hamilton last night, and a brother, John O'Connor, who is yard master of the Baltimore & Ohio at Garrett, Ind., was summoned today and passed through Lima on his way to his brother's bedside.

The latest reports from Hamilton say that the injured man has a bad fracture of the skull and that the chances for his recovery are slight. There was considerable confusion at the time he left the cab, No. 3, the passenger, getting a short flag and a signal from two torpedoes. Two switch engines were shifting in the yards, and when O'Connor saw the freight bearing down on the other track, he was sure of a collision and took the only chance offered for safety. He has been with the C. H. & D. for about six years and was firing for Louis Kemper.

Charley Rulz Promoted.

Next Monday morning Charles J. Rulz will assume the lieutenancy of the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania police department, a position that has been earned by faithful and excellent service in the capacity of patrolman at Fort Wayne and elsewhere on the line. This change has made a rearrangement of the patrolmen necessary and Captain Stoli has called George Nicely to the depot beat and sent John Neuer to the east yards. There will be other changes tonight or tomorrow—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The many friends of Detective Rulz in Lima, which city was but a short while ago under his eagle eye, congratulate him upon his advance and feel satisfied that there is still further honors awaiting him in his chosen

Bogart, who went to Toledo on some other business, the brother left for Antwerp at noon today. From Toledo they will go to Antwerp and if the remains of the unfortunate young woman can be identified by the young man as those of his missing sister he will take charge of them and bring them to this city.

The missing young woman who is believed to be the victim is the daughter of a well known and highly respected farmer living about eight miles west of this city. There is still a possibility that the dead girl may be another woman and for that reason the Times-Democrat refrains from publishing the name of the family until such time as the identity is fully established.

Mrs. Watkins, the fortune teller, who is charged with being an accessory to the crime that caused the young woman's death, was taken in charge by marshal Betz, of Paulding, this afternoon and was taken to Paulding for arraignment on the charge.

"CRIME FACTORY"

Where the Deplorable Tragedy Was Enacted at Antwerp.

A staff correspondent for the Toledo Times sends out the following from Antwerp:

"The mystery of the identity of two of the three women who are the victims of what is termed in this town as the 'Shaffer Crime Factory' was cleared up when one of the women, the eldest of the three, told her story.

According to her own admission she is Mrs. Teresa Frank, widow of a Wapakoneta mill man, who committed suicide in that town about two years ago. She stated that on realizing her condition she went to a fortune-teller in Lima, known as Mrs. Sallie Watkins, or 'Old Sal,' and on her advice came here for treatment by the Shaffers. On her reaching Fort Wayne she was joined by Mrs. Shaffer and the woman who is now lying on a slab in Schillib's undertaking rooms.

Mrs. Shaffer, so she states, came to this point with them, and at once escorted them to her home, where both underwent the operation which, according to the doctor's and coroner's story, caused the death of the unknown woman and may cause the death of Mrs. Frank.

Mrs. Frank told the detective that the Shaffers did perform the operation, and that it was not committed in Fort Wayne, as they claim.

Mrs. Frank claims that a well-known Wapakoneta business man is responsible for her condition, and infers that he put up the money which induced the Shaffers to commit the operation. The man she describes is a widower, but she refuses to divulge his name. In connection with the woman's condition, it is safe to say that she will not recover. Tonight her condition changed for the worse, and indications are now that blood poisoning has set in.

profession.

General Notes.

Pennsylvania coach T151, which has been equipped with both pneumatic gas and electric lights for experimental purposes, will be a part of trains 27 and 33 on the run to and from Chicago for a few weeks. Chief Electrician W. H. Sherbondy and Special Inspector A. LaMar accompany the car for the purpose of making notes of the tests. They and the car made their first trip yesterday.

VISITORS

In Lima Today are the Committee

Having Charge of the Next Annual Meeting

Of the Ohio Laundrymen's Association Which Will Hold Its Next Session in Lima in March.

Among the prominent men who have been in Lima today are the gentlemen who compose the executive committee of the State Laundrymen's Association. They are here for the purpose of completing arrangements for the next annual meeting of the association to be held in Lima in March.

The committee is composed of the following named gentlemen: S. B. Waters, ex-president of the National Laundrymen's Association, and president of the Ohio Association; W. W. and J. W. Crothers and Frank Stevenson, of Cincinnati, and E. B. Kelly, of Dayton.

This convention will bring into Lima from two hundred to three hundred delegates, and will be an important event for Lima.

RACE

That was Won By the Chief

Landed a Man

Who Must Answer to a Serious Charge.

George Rich, a Young Colored Man, Held at the Police Station

And is Charged with Having Attempted to Criminally Assault a Young White Girl at a Prominent Hotel.

Early this morning a call was sent to the police station for an officer who was wanted immediately at the Lima House and chief Mills responded to the call in person. When he arrived at the hostelry a cab was in waiting for him and he was informed that he was wanted to arrest a young colored man named George Rich, who was charged with having attempted to criminally assault a young girl who is employed at the house.

Chief Mills was informed that Rich had just left the house and had started south on Main street. The officer followed in the cab and discovered his man on east Elm street where he was heading toward a colored club house.

The officer alighted from the cab without being seen by Rich and when the latter was in the act of passing a telephone poll Mills stepped from behind it and captured him. Rich remonstrated against being arrested but finally started away with the officer and all went well until they reached a point between Union and Main streets and the n Rich made a sudden break for liberty and succeeded in breaking away from the officer. Both men are speedy and a lively foot race began and when Main street was reached the chief had the satisfaction of overhauling and recapturing his man.

The report of the young colored man's attempted assault was made by engineer Goebel of the Lima house,

who is alleged to have seen him enter a room last night that was occupied by a young white girl named Fleck, who together with an older sister, is employed at the hotel. The older sister spent the evening with some friends last evening and the younger girl had retired for the night before she returned. She left the door unlocked so that her sister could get in and it is alleged that after she had fallen asleep the young colored man entered her room and was in the act of removing his clothing when he was discovered and driven from the room.

Young Rich, who is nineteen years of age, is now a prisoner at the police station and has not yet been arraigned before the mayor.

DEATH

Of the Deserter Fagin of Local Interest.

Lieutenant Alstetter, Whose Ring the Negro Wore was Reared in Delphos.

Mechanical and Artistic Effect of a Moving Train Through a Stretch of Bleak Country.

Lima merchants display commendable taste in decorating their windows in holiday array, and some magnificent effects are already attracting attention. The Michael Clothing and Shoe Company has always had a novel display, but the present one in the north window surpasses all previous efforts of the artist, and affords especial attraction for the children.

There has been constructed a miniature and endless railroad, and around the tortuous track, through tunnels and into the station at the village rushes a completely equipped passenger train. The village has a depot, watering tank, grain elevator, blacksmith shop, grocery store and dwellings, and when the train pulls in, it makes a stop of 18 seconds. The scenic effect, which is midwinter, is also cleverly arranged, the bleak and rocky mountain covered with snow drifts with a shepherd and a flock of sheep far up on its summit adds much to the general conception of the plan, while the minor effect, as the train slips into the tunnel, makes it startlingly real.

The arrangement is the work of Floyd Patton, of the shoe department, and the expressions of delight heard from everybody must

Sweet Naval Oranges at Dimond Bros'. 1-2t

An English association regarding woman's happiness has offered a reward of £500 for a greater blessing to women than Rocky Mountain Tea. Sensible move. Ask your druggist. 42

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TONIGHT—Bryan's Comedians in "Carmille." Special production, magnificent scenery and costumes. 25c, 30c and 50c.

Electric and Near Seal

JACKETS

THAT ARE WONDERFUL VALUES.

They can't help but last three years; they should wear five years, and electric capes and jackets not as good as these have been known to wear seven years. Anyhow at three years they are the lowest priced wraps a woman can buy, and they can't help but wear that long, for if any weak spots do develop we repair them free of charge at the end of the first year, and with the weak spots strengthened they can't help but be better and stronger than when new.

Prices:

\$25, \$27.50, \$30, \$35, \$37.50, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$57.50, \$65, \$75 and \$85.



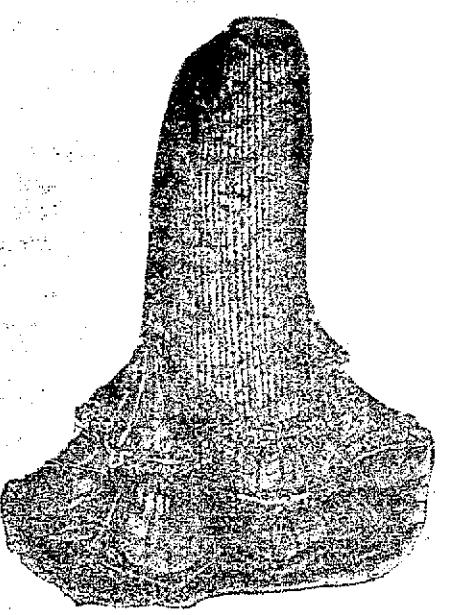
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A silk skirt with an electric jacket makes as neat and rich a costume as a woman can wear. We have them now at prices within reach of every one, according to trimming, quality and lining, and then our dressmakers can alter them to make them fit.

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\$25.00 Columbia Graphophone, the best machine on the market, special price for this week \$16.50. 5,000 latest records. Edison Phonographs, at all prices. Victor, the latest talker out. \$5.00, 30-inch Horns, brass, special \$3.00. \$15.00 Violin, with fine box and bow, \$7.50. \$10.00 Violins, with fine box and bow, \$5.50. \$6.00 Guitars, American make, \$3.50. \$12.00 Mandolins, \$8.00. \$5.00 Mandolins, \$3.00. Music Rolls, Guitars, Zithers and everything to be found in a first-class music store. Call and see our fine line of Christmas Goods.

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NOTICE.

All members of the Uniform ranks of the Knights of St. John, Commandery 201, are requested to be at their hall on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. W. J. Schafer, Captain. Miss Gran, teacher of Prof. Flynn's physical culture, anti-vital center course, can be found at 328 north Pierce street.